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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXECUTING AN APPLICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, please replace lines 12-29 with the following amended lines:

[Non-patent document 1]

Gould, Steven. "Develop n-tier applications using J2EE", Figure 2, 2002, JavaWorld.com, Java World, p. 3/10. ~~The document is retrieved online from the following Internet location on January 23, 2003.~~

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At page 2, please replace lines 8-11 with the following amended lines:

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a multi-tier application architecture in which access to objects is fast and a fail-safe function against middletier crash is provided. ~~In this specification~~ As used herein, the ~~architecture~~ term "architecture" signifies a computer program architecture.